Educational institutions under UGC

†4408. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the educational institutions in the country are registered under University Grants Commission's Act, 1956;

(b) if so, the number of institutions which were registered all over the country by the end of December, 2002; and

(c) what was the maximum capacity of imparting vocational education, technical education, medical education, engineering education and general education in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), as on 31-12-2002, 275 universities and 5323 colleges were listed under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act.

(c) The student enrolment in universities and colleges in the formal system of education during the year 2001-02 was estimated as 88.21 lakhs.

Regulation of foreign institutions

4409. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proliferation of foreign universities operating in India offering diploma, graduate and post-graduate courses in engineering and technology;

(b) if so, whether Government feel to enforce regulations on such universities through a competent regulatory body; and

(c) if so, what measures Government contemplate to initiate in this regard?

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